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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, unchanged to higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand covered the full range with fill-ins and needs assessment mostly occurring following the extended holiday weekend. Supplies were mixed, but usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items continued to show good movement with supplies well cleared to balanced, tightest for bone in. Dark meat had some increased interest and trading into retail, and all other parts were mostly adequate with fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable to heavy.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 5/29-06/03/00 (cents per lb)

	US GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	(Includes branded product)				
<u>AREAS</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>WTD</u>	<u>LOADS</u>	<u>WTD</u>	<u>LOADS</u>
		<u>AVG</u>		<u>AVG</u>	
Bos/New Eng	55.00-56.00	55.68	17	57.64	27
Chicago	45.00-49.00	49.27	46	52.12	83
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	56.48	31
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	58.97	15
Denver	62.50	62.44	17	61.88	35
Detroit	46.00-47.00	47.76	21	52.80	51
Los Angeles	63.00	62.41	56	61.56	112
New York	54.00-57.00	55.71	28	55.08	62
Philadelphia	47.00-56.00	51.40	10	51.46	27
Pittsburgh	46.50-53.00	49.40	10	53.68	61
St. Louis	48.50-48.75	47.89	22	51.06	44
San Francisco	63.50	63.25	26	63.02	83

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	05/29/00	Change/Last Wk	05/22/00	05/31/99
631	56.33	0.71	55.62	60.29

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	51.00-60.00	54.12	41
Central	51.00-56.00	54.29	62
West	51.00-67.75	59.83	44

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	57.00-59.00	57.94	86
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 58.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,216	44.00-60.50	56.88

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	154.00	3,434
BREASTS - WHOLE	78.50	2,110
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50	613
LEG QUARTERS	20.00	8,410
WINGS	52.50	2,735

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to good as the week began. Offerings, although mixed in size and availability, were adequate in handling immediate needs. Movement into retail and distributive outlets was generally good. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, supplies were generally sufficient for current trade needs

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was fair to moderate with mixed trading following the holiday weekend. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were adequate to close balanced and moving. All other items were generally in balance with light to fair movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable, but at times heavy.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices unchanged. The market tone about steady. Offerings generally adequate. Demand by stores improved for whole body where first-of-the-month features planned otherwise only fair, demand for parts moderate to fairly good best by fast food. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was generally steady on parts. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up .78 to 51.36 with the volume reported down 8 percent at 22 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices for this week's deliveries TFEWR in Ohio and higher elsewhere from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady. Offerings light, but adequate for the limited buyer needs. Movement into all channels was in a full range, mostly moderate. Floor stocks adequate with good cleanup noted over the weekend, sizes mostly desirable. Parts trading moderate to active on whole breasts and leg quarters, balance of trading light to fair at best. Supplies adequate to closely balanced. Trade sentiment fully steady on bone-in breasts and leg quarters, about steady on all other items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fairly good for post holiday fill-in needs. Seller offerings varied, but were generally sufficient to handle the inquiry. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, leg cuts and occasionally bone-in breasts were noted as adequate and in generally good balance. Boneless skinless breasts and wings were fully adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	54-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	59.63
NO. OF BOXES	9,676

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was generally fair following the long holiday weekend. Bone-in breasts appeared to be more available compared to last week, however, pricing did not reflect any discounting. Boneless, skinless breasts were about adequate and all other items were mostly adequate. Retail and distributive movement was fair to good. The market tone was steady.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155-160	158.51	495,680
TENDERLOINS	145-150	150.09	89,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	82.04	187,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	79.45	99,000
LEGS	34-35	35.91	226,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	23.15	370,607
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	37.61	81,920
THIGHS	28-29	36.30	59,210
B/S THIGHS	86-87	90.22	67,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	59.85	193,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.85	47,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.79	28,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.85	53,400

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,173	129.00-145.00	140-145	141.96
TENDERLOINS	108	140.00-212.00	-	156.67
BREAST - WITH RIBS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
FRONT HALVES	360	38.00-55.00	48-53	51.68
LEGS	-			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	2,940	16.00-19.00	17-18	17.77
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	3,453	19.50-20.00	19.5	19.54
WINGS (WHOLE)	141	38.00-43.00	38	40.15
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,002	26.00-41.00	27-28	27.58

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	05/29	05/25	05/25	05/22	05/18
ALA	1,026	3,949	4.91	3,824	4.98
ARK	(A)	5,127	4.71	5,060	4.74
DELMARVA	Holiday	2,419	5.00	2,414	5.02
LA-TENN	(A)	2,097	4.32	1,998	4.37
MISS	2,557	2,756	4.92	2,769	5.02
NC	(A)	2,578	5.71	2,539	5.72
TEXAS	2,304	2,294	4.70	2,324	4.78
TOTAL	7,133	21,220	4.89	20,928	4.94
MON	7,133(A)			20,928(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-May 2000

is estimated to be 10,672,000 down 66.02 percent from a week ago and down 2.30 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,405,000, last year 10,923,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	590	148.00-210.00	155-160	155.42
TENDERLOINS	294	145.00-205.00	150-155	165.51
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	87	27.00-35.00	28-29	27.64
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	846	16.00-19.50	17-19	17.75
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	881	20.00-22.00	21-22	21.07
WINGS (WHOLE)	79	41.00-48.00	44-45	44.46
WINGS (CUT)	275	51.00-72.00	55-56	55.24
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	101	66.00-96.00	68-69	67.68

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAY 30, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
34.50 - 37.25	35.88	35.27

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION PARTS PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 05/29-06/02/00

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	138.00 - 185.00	152.00 - 155.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	74.00 - 85.00	76.00 - 82.00
LEGS	29.00 - 40.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17.00 - 23.00	19.00 -
DRUMSTICKS	27.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	28.00 - 36.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	38.00 - 65.00	41.00 - 43.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	15.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	76-87
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	79-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	79
FROZEN DUCKS	135
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	77-81
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	74
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	299
RABBITS-CUT UP	309

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	102-104
ICE PACK	92-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107-111
ICE PACK	119
HENS OVER 5#	98
ICE PACK	95
DUCKS	152-166

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 26-MAY-00

CHICKEN PRICES

-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB DELIVERED	FOB DELIVERED	
CONTENT	DOCK	DOCK	
15% OR LESS			
RANGE	15.00-17.00	- 16.00-16.40	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.60	16.06	

624,000 pounds, this includes 104,000 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS			
RANGE	14.00	-	15.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.00		15.00

440,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%			
RANGE	12.21-13.00	13.25 10.50-11.25	12.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	12.34	13.25 10.79	12.90

1,408,000 pounds, this includes 208,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	12.50
WTD AVERAGE			12.50

320,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were lower compared to the past week. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of heavy hens. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were less than capacity but were deemed as more than ample for needs. Trade sentiment was weak.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-MAY-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-15.25	8-9	9.39

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 26-MAY-00

CHICKEN PRICES

-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB DELIVERED	FOB DELIVERED	
CONTENT	DOCK	DOCK	
15% OR LESS			
RANGE	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE			

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS			
RANGE	-	19.00 12.25-13.00	14.00
WTD AVERAGE		19.00 12.75	14.00

306,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%			
RANGE	-	13.00 9.50-12.50	12.50-14.00
WTD AVERAGE		13.00 10.84	13.00

1,652,400 pounds, this includes 285,600 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE			

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were lower when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were fully adequate to ample and slow to clear. Processing schedules were generally less than normal due to holiday schedules. Cannerys were usually available. The market tone was barely steady to weak.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-MAY-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-14.5	6.25-8.50	8.11

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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